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§ 29.3123 Rule 20.

All standard grades must be clean.

§ 29.3124 Rule 21.

Tobacco damaged under 20 percent but which otherwise meets the specifications of a grade shall be treated as a subgrade by placing the special factor “U” after the grademark. Tobacco damaged 20 percent or more shall be designated as “No-G.”

§ 29.3125 Rule 22.

Sound tobacco that is wet or is doubtful-keeping order but which otherwise meets the specifications of a grade shall be treated as a subgrade by placing the special factor “W” after the grademark. This special factor does not apply to tobacco designated as “No-G.”

§ 29.3126 Rule 23.

Tobacco shall be designated as No Grade, using the grademark, “No-G,” when it is dirty, offtype, semicured, needs to be reworked, damaged 20 percent or more, contains foreign matter, or has an odor foreign to the type.

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§ 29.3127 Rule 24.

Tobacco in Type 31 shall be designated by the grademark “No-G-Nested” when it is nested.

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§ 29.3128 Rule 25.

Tobacco in strip form which otherwise meets the specifications of a grade shall be treated as a subgrade by placing the special factor “S” preceding the grademark.

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GRADES

§ 29.3151 Flyings (X Group).

This group consists of leaves normally grown at the bottom of the stalk. These leaves are flat and open-faced and have a blunt or oblate tip. Compared with other groups on the stalk, Flyings consist of relatively thin to tissuey leaves which show the highest degree of maturity and the most

open leaf structure. Flyings show a material amount of injury characteristic of leaves grown near the ground. (See Rule 14.)

Grades	Grade names and specifications
X1L	Choice Buff Flyings. Tissuey, mellow, open to porous, even, clear finish, strong color intensity, 95 percent uniform, and 5 percent injury tolerance.
X2L	Fine Buff Flyings. Tissuey, mellow, open to porous, even, moderate finish and color intensity, 90 percent uniform, and 10 percent injury tolerance.
X3L	Good Buff Flyings. Tissuey, ripe to mellow, open to porous, wavy, dull finish, weak color intensity, 80 percent uniform, and 20 percent injury tolerance.
X4L	Fair Buff Flyings. Tissuey, mature to ripe, open to porous, wrinkly to wavy, dingy finish, pale color intensity, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.
X5L	Low Buff Flyings. Tissuey, mature to ripe, open to porous, wrinkly, dingy finish, pale color intensity, 60 percent uniform, and 40 percent injury tolerance.
X1F	Choice Tan Flyings. Thin, mellow, open to porous, even, clear finish, strong color intensity, 95 percent uniform, and 5 percent injury tolerance.
X2F	Fine Tan Flyings. Thin, mellow, open to porous, even, moderate finish and color intensity, 90 percent uniform, and 10 percent injury tolerance.
X3F	Good Tan Flyings. Thin, ripe to mellow, open to porous, wavy, dull finish, weak color intensity, 80 percent uniform, and 20 percent injury tolerance.
X4F	Fair Tan Flyings. Thin, mature to ripe, open to porous, wrinkly to wavy, dingy finish, pale color intensity, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.
X5F	Low Tan Flyings. Thin, mature to ripe, open to porous, wrinkly, dingy finish, pale color intensity, 60 percent uniform, and 40 percent injury tolerance.
X4M	Fair Mixed Color Flyings. Medium to tissuey body, mature to ripe, firm to porous, wrinkly to wavy, dingy finish, pale color intensity, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.
X5M	Low Mixed Color Flyings. Medium to tissuey body, mature to ripe, firm to porous, wrinkly, dingy finish, pale color intensity, 60 percent uniform, and 40 percent injury tolerance.
X4G	Fair Green Flyings. Medium to tissuey body, immature, firm, wrinkly to wavy, dingy finish, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.
X5G	Low Green Flyings. Medium to tissuey body, immature, firm, wrinkly, dingy finish, 60 percent uniform, and 40 percent injury tolerance.

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§ 29.3152 Lugs or Cutters (C Group).

This group consists of leaves normally grown at the midportion of the stalk. Cured leaves from this stalk position have a tendency to roll, concealing the stem or midrib. Lugs or Cutters have an oblate to rounded tip and are usually thin to medium in body. The leaves are spready in relation to their length and show little or no ground injury.

Grades	Grade names and specifications
C1L	Choice Buff Lugs. Thin, ripe, open, smooth, bright finish, deep color intensity, broad, 20" or over in length, 95 percent uniform and 5 percent injury tolerance.
C2L	Fine Buff Lugs. Thin, ripe, open, smooth, bright finish, strong color intensity, spready, 20" or over in length, 90 percent uniform, and 10 percent injury tolerance.
C3L	Good Buff Lugs. Thin, ripe, open, even, clear finish, moderate color intensity, normal width, 18" or over in length, 85 percent uniform, and 15 percent injury tolerance.
C4L	Fair Buff Lugs. Thin, mature to ripe, firm to open, wavy to even, moderate finish, weak color intensity, narrow to normal width, 80 percent uniform, and 20 percent injury tolerance.
C5L	Low Buff Lugs. Thin, mature, firm to open, wavy dull finish, pale color intensity, narrow, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.
C1F	Choice Tan Lugs. Medium to thin body, ripe, open, smooth, bright finish, deep color intensity, broad, 20" or over in length, 95 percent uniform, and 5 percent injury tolerance.
C2F	Fine Tan Lugs. Medium to thin body, ripe, open, smooth, bright finish, strong color intensity, spready, 20" or over in length, 90 percent uniform, and 10 percent injury tolerance.
C3F	Good Tan Lugs. Medium to thin body, ripe, open, even, clear finish, moderate color intensity, normal width, 18" or over in length, 85 percent uniform, and 15 percent injury tolerance.
C4F	Fair Tan Lugs. Medium to thin body, mature to ripe, firm to open, wavy to even, moderate finish, weak color intensity, narrow to normal width, 80 percent uniform, and 20 percent injury tolerance.
C5F	Low Tan Lugs. Medium to thin body, mature, firm to open, wavy, dull finish, pale color intensity, narrow, 70 percent uniform and 30 percent injury tolerance.
C3K	Good Variegated Lugs. Medium body, ripe, open, even, normal width, 18" or over in length, 85 percent uniform, and 15 percent injury tolerance.
C4K	Fair Variegated Lugs.

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Grades	Grade names and specifications
	Medium body, mature to ripe, firm to open, wavy to even, narrow to normal width, 80 percent uniform, and 20 percent injury tolerance.
C5K	Low Variegated Lugs. Medium body, mature, close to firm, wavy, narrow, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.
C3M	Good Mixed Color Lugs. Medium to tissuey body, mature to ripe, firm to open, even, moderate finish and color intensity, normal width, 18" or over in length, 85 percent uniform, and 15 percent injury tolerance.
C4M	Fair Mixed Color Lugs. Medium to tissuey body, mature to ripe, firm to open, wavy to even, dull finish, weak color intensity, narrow to normal width, 80 percent uniform, and 20 percent injury tolerance.
C5M	Low Mixed Color Lugs. Medium to tissuey body, mature to ripe, firm to open, wavy, dingy finish pale color intensity, narrow, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.
C3V	Good Greenish Lugs. Medium to thin body, underripe open, even, clear finish, normal width 18" or over in length, 85 percent uniform, and 15 percent injury tolerance.
C4V	Fair Greenish Lugs. Medium to thin body, underripe, firm to open, wavy to even, moderate finish, narrow to normal width, 80 percent uniform, and 20 percent injury tolerance.
C5V	Low Greenish Lugs. Medium to thin body, underripe firm to open, wavy, dull finish, narrow, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.
C4G	Fair Green Lugs. Medium body, immature, close to firm, wavy to even, moderate finish, narrow to normal width, 80 percent uniform, and 20 percent injury tolerance.
C5G	Low Green Lugs. Medium body, immature, close to firm, wavy, dull finish, narrow, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.

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§ 29.3153 Leaf (B Group).

This group consists of leaves normally grown above the midpoint of the stalk. Cured leaves from the upper stalk position have a tendency to fold, concealing the face of the leaf and exposing the stem or midrib. These leaves have a pointed tip and generally are medium to heavy in body. They are narrower in relation to their length than corresponding qualities of the C Group.

Grades	Grade names and specifications
B1F	Choice Tan Leaf.